



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

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Important links: www.ridgefieldct.org Click on red banner for COVID-19 updates and charts
www.ct.gov: For updated statewide information.

Ridgefield, CT –January 11,2020: Vaccine Updates

- As the State continues to vaccinate those who fall into the category of Phase 1a, you are reminded that those eligible must register through the VAMS program which your Employer Coordinator will initiate. For a list of those who qualify for Phase 1a, go to ct.gov/covidvaccine.
- Those who are independent contractors (for example dentists, clinicians etc.) without an Employer Coordinator should go to the state web site and become the employer coordinator for your business. You will be asked to verify your information. The segment entitled EMPLOYERS ENROLL YOUR STAFF gives information on qualifications: dphsubmissions.ct.gov/VAMSEnrollment.
- Governor Lamont has announced that in the next few days those qualified to receive a vaccine in Phase 1b which includes people 75 and older will be informed of how to sign up for the vaccine. He stresses, however, that this process will take some time and asks for patience.
 - **Advanced registration** is expected to begin on Thursday, January 14.
 - Online registration (VAMS) will be available.
 - Medical providers will also provide an outreach program for anyone who has visited their facilities, however, **DO NOT CALL YOUR DOCTOR**. They do not have the opportunity at this point to get you appointments or vaccinations.
 - There will be multiple opportunities to get an appointment including by phone which will be available and announced in the next 72 hours.
 - All vaccinations will be by **appointment only**.
 - As more information becomes available, it will be posted on ridgefieldct.org under the red Covid banner.
- Governor Lamont urges all residents to beware of scammers. **Vaccinations are free**. No-one will ask for:
 - Payment (cash or check)
 - Credit card or bank information
 - Social Security numbers, Passport information or other personal information (unless it is medical insurance related.)

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